

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-21 are in this case. Claims 1-5 and 18-21 have been rejected under § 102(b). Claims 6-17 have been allowed. Claims 1-5 and 18-21 have been canceled.

§ 102(b) Rejections – Dye ‘069

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 and 18-21 under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dye, US Patent No. 6,145,069. The Examiner’s rejection is respectfully traversed.

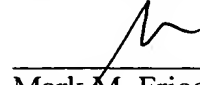
Claims 1-5 and 18-21 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the Examiner’s rejection of these claims.

Amendments to the Drawings

Attached please find a replacement sheet of Figure 1A in which the designation “(PRIOR ART)” has been added to the legend.

In view of the above amendments and remarks it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 6, and hence dependent claims 7-17 are in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of allowance is respectfully and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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